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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

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A meeting was held on **Monday, June 13, 2011** at the Clarion Hotel, 200 Main Street, Green Bay, WI.  
The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:30am.

1. Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey  
Commissioner Ron Antonneau (arrived at 11:34 am)  
Commissioner Bill Martens  
Commissioner John Gower (arrived at 12:03 pm)  
Commissioner Craig Dickman  
Commissioner John Hanitz  
Commissioner Tom Klimek  
Commissioner Hank Wallace

Not Present: Commissioner Bernie Erickson

Also Present: Troy Streckenbach- Brown County Executive  
Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port and Solid Waste  
Dean Haen, Brown County Port and Solid Waste  
Tony Walter- Green Bay Press Gazette  
Jared Schmidt- Robert E. Lee and Associates  
Jim Hutchison- Foth  
Bill Brose- JJR

2. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion was made by Craig Dickman to modify the agenda to include time for Troy Streckenbach to address the Harbor Commission. The motion was seconded by Tom Klimek and passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Craig Dickman to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Tom Klimek and passed unanimously.**

3. Approval/Modification of May 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9 meeting was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Tom Klimek. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Election of Officers

**A motion to nominate Craig Dickman as vice president of the Harbor Commission was made by Neil McKloskey, seconded by John Hanitz and unanimously approved.**

**A motion to nominate Neil McKloskey as president of the Harbor Commission was made by Craig Dickman, seconded by Hank Wallace and passed unanimously.**

4.5 Great Lakes Calcium Corporation & Brown County Lease Agreement

**A motion was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Ron Antonneau to approve the Bylsby lease by the Great Lakes Calcium Corporation. The motion passed unanimously with the condition that minor revisions may be made by Godfrey and Kahn.** If any major revisions are needed, the lease will come back for review by the Commission.

Discussion- The lease, which was approved by Corporation Counsel, is included in the agenda packet and would take effect on September 1, 2011, if approved by the Planning and Development Committee in June and then sent to and approved by the County Board in July. Razing the current buildings would begin in August. Waiving the pilot fee, which would not affect the County, was discussed; Great Lakes would be responsible for this fee. In effect, the lease payments over the 11 year term will pay for razing the building and improving the lot

5. Bay Port Confined Disposal Facility Expansion

**A motion was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Antonneau to accept and submit a \$1.9 million cost estimate of the expansion plan. The motion passed unanimously.**

Jared Schmidt of Robert E. Lee and Associates reviewed the plan and updated the Commission on the expansion project. The plan of operation including design and cost estimate was included in the agenda packet. The expansion will give Bayport two additional sediment de-watering cells. It should add 13 years on to the 7 year life of the site. The expansion plan will next go to the County board for approval.

6. Cat Island Chain Restoration Project

6a- Letter to U.S. Army corps of Engineers- Dean Haen reviewed this letter which is included in the agenda packet. He addressed concerns with time delays by the corps which could cause the county to request to extend the grants to meet the Corps' schedule.

6b- Foth Companies Project Cost Analysis- Jim Hutchison of Foth presented a cost estimate for segregating the Cat Island construction project into smaller projects beginning with the West Island enclosure. Bill Brose of JJR, who is assisting Foth outlined three options; Option A- construct a West Island causeway to shore and the West Island perimeter dikes; Option B- construct Central Island following construction of West Island; and Option C- construct all three islands.

Alternative designs to reduce the construction costs for the project were also discussed. These include: steepen revetment slopes; lower spur dike elevations; and straighten the wave barrier.

6c-Financial Analysis- **A motion was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by John Gower to approve up to and not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Schenk to undertake financial analysis for the Cat Island chain construction by Brown County. The motion was approved unanimously.** The full, detained proposal is included in the agenda packet (green sheet). The projected start date for the project is spring 2012. The DOT grant has been extended to 2015; the Great Lakes' Restoration Grant may need to be extended past its 2012 date.

7. Dredge Material Reuse Business Plan

Dr. John Katers, UWBG faculty and a member of the Solid Waste board, identified a student, Jonathan Logan who will undertake the project of identifying available opportunities to meet the objectives of the 2010 strategic plan. The stated objective is to develop a dredge material reuse plan. As an undergraduate he will look at past studies, gather and compile information and compose a research paper on the reuse of dredge materials. As a graduate student, he will apply his findings and in his thesis, will identify and explore avenues for our efforts in this situation. i.e. saleable top soil (see peach colored sheet in the agenda packet). **A motion was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by John Hanitz to approve hiring/working with John Katers to hire a student intern to develop a Dredge Material Reuse Business Plan. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Material

8a- WDNR Conditional Grant of Low Hazardous Exemption for the Beneficial Use of Dewatered Dredge Material- Dean Haen received a letter from the WDNR approving our request to use dewatered dredged material as

fill, subject to certain conditions (see yellow packet in agenda packet). This letter and attached grant of exemption was forwarded to contractors working on the Highway 41 project for possible inclusion. Their concern is the certainty of the quality of the dredged materials. Seventy-five percent of the dredged material does meet the necessary conditions. **A motion was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Neil McKloskey to approve Foth to undertake a sampling of Cell #7 at Bayport to qualify it for beneficial reuse for \$63,000, and to do a budget amendment as this amount will likely exceed the budgeted amount. The motion passed unanimously.** A summary of the cost estimate is included on the green sheet in the agenda packet.

#### 9. Renard Island Closure

No additional cover material has been added since March because of the wet weather. Peters Construction will begin again as soon as weather permits. We have until the end of September to finish this project under the GLRI grant deadline. A grant application, submitted to the EPA, for \$2 million to finish the project was denied. The EPA determined that the project was not eligible because it does not contribute to delisting the area of concern (contamination). We will go back to the EPA and ask for a debriefing, which may lead to a more formal process and grievance.

#### 10. 2010 Economic Impact Report

**A motion was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Neil McKloskey to approve the 2010 Economic Impact Report. The motion passed unanimously.** We stopped using the Bay Lakes Regional model as it was outdated and showed a \$10 million loss in economic impact. The University of Minnesota-Duluth submitted an updated model and the 2010 numbers reflect \$83 million impact supporting over 800 jobs. The plan is used as a tool for grant writing and other applications. (see blue packet in agenda packet)

#### 11. 2011 Corps Dredging Plan for the Green Bay Harbor

The Port of Green Bay is in the President's budget for dredging and was given \$3 million for next year. Included in the agenda packet is a chart showing the locations of the planned dredging and a letter from the Corps of Engineers regarding the EPA's concerns. The Corps will award contracts in June for a July start. This includes US Venture's request to have their area dredged. An estimated 140,000 cubic yards will be dredged from the harbor's channel.

#### 12. Director's Report

Policy changes have been proposed by the Joint Finance committee of Wisconsin that could affect Brown County. Motion 18 deals with county departments competing with private enterprise or doing work for other counties. An example of this is having the County Highway Department move the dredged materials at the Bayport site. The County sent a letter in opposition to this until the wording is made clear.

Department heads were asked for efficiency possibilities if the union contract elimination continues or is approved by the Supreme Court. Different departments could be affected by adding cross training and more flexibility in coverage at peak times.

The DNR has money allotted for spraying and cutting the phragmites on the lower Bay which would increase habitat for wildlife.

The 2012 budget will be compiled at the July Harbor commission meeting. Chuck Larscheid requested that the Harbor Commission meeting date be postponed to July 18 or 25 to give the department time to develop their presentation.

#### 13. Audit of Bills

**A motion was made by Bill Martens and seconded by Ron Antonneau to approve the bills for May 2011. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 14. Tonnage Report

As of this month we are 6% above last year. Last year at this time we were 70% above the previous year. (see the gold sheet in the agenda packet)

15. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law- none

16. Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn was made by John Hannitz and seconded by Hank Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

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Neil McKloskey, President  
Harbor Commission

Charles Larscheid, Director  
Port & Solid Waste Department